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Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

While Fr. Mark is away, finishing up his studies, members of the parish have been asked to write a brief reflection on the Mass readings.

A Be-Happy Attitude

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God...
(Romans 8:28)

I've been a good-times guy in my life, in this sense: I've seen greatest "beatitude" (happiness) in beautiful events, such as a wedding or a birth, in accomplishments and recognitions. Those are indeed blessings from God and are worth rejoicing.

But, on the flip side, I've tended to see my pains, struggles and frustrations of life as curses, not as blessings. I've missed something important there. The beatitudes call us to also recognize the blessings in our sufferings, in order to know true happiness. Christ tells us we are blessed by poverty, sorrow, hunger, persecution even, and more. There is beatitude in the downside of life as well. I'm slowly learning that to also rejoice in them is the key to true happiness.

I'll use one beatitude as an example: "Blessed are those who mourn…" In other words, happy are those who experience profound sorrow. How can that be a blessing?

An old Arabic proverb says: "All sunshine makes a desert." The land on which the sun always shines will soon become an arid place in which no fruit will grow. There are certain things which only the rains will produce; and certain experiences which only sorrow can beget.

Sorrow can show us, as nothing else can, the kindness, the comfort and the compassion of God. In our hour of sorrow, we can discover Him as never before. When things go well, it is possible to live for years on the surface of life. But when sorrow comes, we are driven to the deeper things. If we truly accept the grace of sorrow, a new strength and beauty enter into our soul. As Robert Browning wrote:

I walked a mile with Pleasure, She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser, for all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow, And ne'er a word said she,
But, oh, the things I learned from her, when Sorrow walked with me.

To embrace the Cross of Christ is to experience its ugliness as well as its beauty. What if we, as God's holy people, rejoiced not only in our good fortunes, but in our sufferings as well? Wouldn't that be supreme happiness? May the grace of the beatitudes lead us to joyfully embrace, in God, everything that befalls us.

~ Brad Blauvelt

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

January 31 – February 6, 2011

Monday, January 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco, priest

Readings: *Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalms 31:20-24; Mark 5:1-20 (white)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy - *Mass Intention:* For success as Fr. Mark finishes his studies

3:00 - 7:00 pm: Blood Drive at OLBH in the basement

4:30 pm: Lectio Divina Group

6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 1

Readings: *Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32; Mark 5:21-43 (green)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy - *Mass Intention:* For wedding blessings upon Jennifer Roseland & Matt Piersall

4:00 pm: OLBH serves dinner at the Cornerstone Mission

7:00 pm: Returning Catholics – St. Isaac Jogues

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Readings: *Malachi 3:1-4; Psalms 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (white)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy - *Mass Intention:* Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse

8:30 am – 8:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour

7:00 – 8:15 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, February 3

Readings: *Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Psalms 48:2-4, 9-11; Mark 6:7-13 (green)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy - *Mass Intention:* In thanksgiving for the priests who have come to celebrate with us.

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Potluck

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting

Friday, February 4

Readings: *Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalms 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mark 6:14-29 (green)*

7:00 pm: Confirmation Retreat

Saturday Morning, February 5

Memorial of St. Agatha, virgin and martyr

Readings: *Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalms 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-34 (red)*

9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, February 5

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalms 112:4-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (green)*

5:00 pm Sunday Vigil Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Bishop Cupich and the Diocese of Spokane, WA

Sunday, February 6

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalms 112:4-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (green)*

9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy

Mass Intention: For our parish community of OLBH

10:00 am: Coffee Hour

No Life Night or RCIA

6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy

Mass Intention: For the Seminarians of our Diocese

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OLBH Parish News

TMIY - That Man Is You

That Man is You, is transforming men, families and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive! Combining the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints with the best research from modern science in an interactive, multimedia format, That Man is You, puts this vision within the grasp of every man. Please join us at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Saturdays, starting February 5th (it is not a requirement to come every Saturday, come as your schedule allows). Breakfast is at 6:00 am, presentation at 6:30, discussion at 7:00 and dismissal at 7:30. Contact Mike Rafferty for more information.

Knights of Columbus Chili Feed

OLBH Knight will have a Chili Feed on Saturday, February 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Free will donations will be accepted. Everyone come have some chili and support out local Knights of Columbus Chapter.

Safe Environment

This notice is for the parents/guardians who have children involved in any of the following; Middle School Edge, High School Life Teen, Gatherings of Grace, First Communion and Confirmation. In accordance with the charter for the Protection of Children and Young People mandated by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Rapid City has put in place a Safe Environment program for the protection of our young people. We will be showing the middle and high school youth the video "Breaking The Silence" followed with a discussion from Jim Kinyon and Cathy Larson from Catholic Social Services on Sunday February 13th. On February 20th, pre-k – 1st will be watching "Joey Learns the Touching Rule" and 2-5th will be watching "Yes, You Can Say No" The parents are invited to watch these videos beforehand if they would like to. Also, the parents are encouraged to watch the video, "What Do I Say Now" on Sunday, March 13th. Please contact Teresa Thompson for more information, 787-5168.

SPROUTS Tolle Lege

We have earned our 3rd book for SPROUTS Tolle Lege. Our new boos is "Book of Heroes" by Amy Welborn. Keep up the good work reading & praying with your families!

Candlesticks Needed

OLBH is looking for two brass candlestick holders to be used in the Atrium. The height must not exceed 3½ inches and the width must not exceed 2½ inches. If you have a pair, and would like to donate them, please contact Jenny in the church office.

Married Sweethearts

Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance, **Saturday, February 12, 2011!** Join us for this year's event, "***Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Married Sweethearts***". Mass will be held at 5:30 pm at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. The dinner-dance will be held at the Ramkota in Rapid City following Mass. Registration is required! Registration fee: $55/couple. **Registration deadline: Friday, February 4, 2011!** No late registrations will be accepted after the deadline! For more information, please call Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541 or e-mail at kcordes@diorc.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The man who finds a wife finds a treasure and receives favor from the Lord. ~ Proverbs 18:22
Let us be thankful for the many gifts God has provided. Show your spouse just how thankful you really are. Our next scheduled romantic Marriage Encounter Weekend is **February 11-13, 2011** at Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD**.** For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.wwme.org. *A weekend of discovery … a lifetime of love!*

News from Around the Diocese

Heal Your Grief

Bereavement support group that is an eight-week non-denominational group open to all Christian adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The support group begins at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2011, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Women of Faith

Join us to discuss the Maccabean Revolt on Wednesday, February 2, from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the Cathedral Lower Sacristy (in the hallway by the kitchen downstairs) even if you have not attended before. Read Maccabees beforehand, if you can. We'll also watch a Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline video and find out about how this book fit into salvation history.

World Apostolate of Fatima (Blue Army) Masses

First Friday Mass will be held on February 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. Mass will be followed by prayers and devotions. First Saturday Mass of Reparation will be held on February 5 at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel and will be followed by exposition and the rosary. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at 718.9909.

Lakota Circles of Hope Prevention Program Director Needed

This position is full-time, Bachelors degree required, with education degree preferred. Travel and knowledge of Native American Culture required. Salary DOE and competitive benefit package. Send resume: Catholic Social Services, 918 5th Street, Rapid City SD 57701 or css@rapidnet.com. Closes Feb. 15th.

Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina

Workshop, February 19 from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Refreshments provided. Offering of $10.00 is requested. Come, "rest a while with the Lord" and enjoy a morning of silence, and Lenten meditation with centering prayer and Lectio Divina. Walk-ins are welcome. Sister Marmion Howe 343-8011.

Meditation: Prelude to Lent

February 20, from 9:00 am to noon. $10.00 fee. The Lenten season brings joy along with sad reflection on Jesus' suffering and death—joy that leads to our Lord's resurrection. It is a gift of Christ's love, and we learn how to bring it to all those we see along the way. Preregistration is necessary. Sister Marmion Howe 343-8011 srmarmion@knology.net

Happiness is an Inside Job

Come to this seminar and learn the good news about who you really are. 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, March 26th. Fee of $10.00 includes refreshments. Suggested reading: "Happiness is an inside job" by John Powell, S.J. Registration is necessary…… Sister Marmion 343-8011.

Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief

Training - Friday, April 1, 2011. Priests, deacons, pastoral staff, psychologists, therapists, counselors, students and general public are invited to attend this educational training on the psychological and spiritual impact of abortion. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will present the day-long training at Church of Ascension, Bismarck, ND, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm CST. For more information, contact Carol Kling, at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Youth News

Hills Area Encounter Christ

February 19-21st. Camp Rapid, Rapid City. Cost: $50. Encounter Christ through the Paschal Mystery in the rich tradition of the Catholic faith. Experience the sacraments of the Church, talks, discussions, prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. For juniors in high school through young adults. Information online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. Contact: Tina Niggeman, 348-4145.

TECA-TECT Encounter Christ

March 11-13. Lemmon, SD. Cost: $40. Encounter Christ through the Paschal Mystery in the rich tradition of the Catholic faith. Experience the sacraments of the Church, talks, discussions, prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. For juniors in high school through young adults. Information online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. Contact: Gloria Maher 1-701-522-3244 or Lynn Hahne 845-7004.

Youth Ministers, Adult Parish Worker or Volunteers Retreat

June 9-12 or August 18-21 (Women) and July 14-17 (Men). Broomtree Retreat Center, Irene, SD. This silent retreat follows the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Your retreat master, who is a priest, leads you in the exercises. Individual spiritual direction is available, along with Mass, Perpetual Adoration, and Confession. You have your own modern hotel-type room with all meals provided, plus a work-out room and bookstore is available. Cost: $250 suggested donation. Registration on-line at: www.broom-tree.org. Contact: Provatia Pietila 343-3541 or ppietila@diorc.org.

Steubenville of the Rockies

July 7-10th. Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO. Theme: Rooted. This retreat is open to entering freshman through freshman in college. Join this highly anticipated, three-day retreat of talks, music, entertainment, fellowship, Mass, Adoration, and Confession & Elitch Gardens. Registration opens in January. Contact: Provatia Pietila 343-3541.

NCYC

It's Back! This time it will be in Indianapolis, IN., November 16-21, 2011. Theme: Called to Glory. This is a great experience for the high school youth to Gather and celebrate the Catholic faith on a national level. Learn more about the Catholic Church. Meet thousands of other Catholic youth. Share beliefs and experiences. Recognize their role in the larger Catholic Church. Cost: $5650. Price includes bus, hotel, registration and t-shirt. Food and spending money are extra. Deposit of $100 due by March 1st. Registrations and info are in the gathering area or are available online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org in the youth section. Go to www.nfcym.org/ncyc to see a promotional video. Please feel free to contact me with any questions Teresa Thompson, 787-5168

Attention Parents

Sunday night the Edge and Life Teen youth will be exploring the meaning of the book of Revelation and how it pertains to the Mass. This is our last session on the Bible. We will be learning about the Paschal Mystery in the next few months. Here are a few questions you can ask in family discussion this week;

1. What do you remember about the Bible from this semester?
2. What parts or books of the Bible would you most like to read?
3. How has this Scripture semester changed your view on Scripture?
4. How can I as your mom/dad help you in your faith journey?

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

February 5th & 6th, 2011

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Betsy Van Asma		
Altar Servers	Matthew Linde Jerrod Deaver Cole Mettler	Hannah Schroeder Savannah Inman Andrew Corbine	Kevin Chamberlain Adam Jerzak Paige Gehlsen
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	**Deacon** Joe Deaver Elijah Ehresmann Hannah Ehresmann Diane Clarke	**Deacon** Marty Quinn Mary Antonsen Dean Antonsen Jim Hoag	**Deacon** Phillip Thompson Curt Lauinger Tom Van Asma Betsy Van Asma
Lectors	Carrie Baker Sue Colgan	Mary Coffin Ariana Montes	Jay Hammerquist Thomas Jerzak
Sacristans	Cindy Thompson Craig Thompson	Bob Weaver	Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Bob Wentz Pam Wentz	Billie Inman Paul Inman	Ken Wentz Becky Wentz
Choir	OLBH Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Carrie Acker
Casey Bohms (Tom & Kay Reeve's nephew)
Frank Boner
Sandra Hocking
Marty Jolley
Penny Schablitsky and the Rogers Family
Troy Spear

Repose of the Soul

Rita Hiber (Sue Colgan's mother)

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January 22nd & 23rd, 2011

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An humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning.

~ Thomas Kempis

For the Ride Home

~ By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth… seek justice, seek humility; (Zepanianh 2:3)
- The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, The LORD sets captives free (Psalm 146:6,7)
- God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, (1 Corinthians 1:27)
- Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

Reflection

- How do you humbly serve the Lord and seek justice for the oppressed?
- What parish ministries are organized to help you serve the poor?
- Is being caught up and directed by the media consumer culture a way of being a captive?
- Are there ways to break free from being a captive?

God reveals Himself where there is anyone who respects life, who desires light, who seeks to love. Every time you open yourself to life, every time you act the truth, every time you love, God is there in your action. As if you were creating your God.

And this is why I say God is within things, within events, within your gestures of love. By doing things as Jesus would do them, as God would do them, you free God from the veils of invisibility and make Him visible on man's journey.

Faith is an act, not a series of idle remarks.

Hope is an undertaking bathed in light, not a pious sentiment.

Charity is an event, not a devotional little prayer. [1]

[1](Carlo Carretto, *The Desert in the City*, p. 96)

News from the Diocesan Social Justice Commission

"We find ourselves at a crucial moment in economic life. Millions lack work and there is so much work to do. As Catholics we look to Jesus Christ, who teaches us: "Apart from me you can do nothing," (Jn 15:5) but then reassures us with: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). Pope Benedict reminds us: "As we contemplate the vast amount of work to be done, we are sustained by our faith that God is present alongside those who come together in his name to work for justice."

Bishop William F. Murphy, Labor Day Statement, Sept. 6, 2010, www.usccb.org

Ordination of a New Bishop

If you were unable to turn in your completed in-pew survey today regarding the Ordination of a new Bishop, please mail it, no later than February 7, to: Ordination Volunteer Subcommittee, Diocese of Rapid City, PO Box 678, Rapid City, SD 57709-0678. If you did not receive an in-pew survey at Mass, please ask your pastor for the name and contact information of your parish representative. Because we did not expect to ordain a new bishop in 2011, the diocesan budget does not include funds for this event. If you would be willing to provide financial support, please send your check payable to "New Bishop's Ordination," Diocese of Rapid City, PO Box 678, Rapid City, SD 57709-0678.

Beatification of John Paul II

St. Peter's Square May 1st, 2011, Invitation to Groups and Individuals Come with Us! Attached Pilgrimage to Rome: April 28th - May 4th, 2011. This will be a Monumental and Historic Catholic Event, Don't Miss It!

Welcome Fr. Jim Bream, we look forward to him presiding at Eucharist with us this week and next weekend. Please make him feel welcome.

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Words in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*

Some of the words used in the new translation of the Mass may be unfamiliar to some Catholics. The following list of definitions may help to increase your understanding of the rich theology that underlies these texts.

Abasement: The lowering of one of higher rank. Jesus abased himself in that, though he was God, he lowered himself and became a human being so that he might save us from our sins (see Phil 2:6-11).

Adoption: In Baptism, the Holy Spirit transforms us into children of the Father, thereby making us his adopted sons and daughters in the likeness of his eternal Son (see Eph 1:3-6). In this way, the faithful are made "partakers in the divine nature (cf. 2 Pt 1:4) by uniting them in a living union with the only Son, the Savior" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1129). In the sacraments, we become the sons and daughters of God by adoption through Christ Jesus.

Angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, thrones and dominions: Spiritual, personal, and immortal creatures, with intelligence and free will, who glorify God and serve him as messengers of his saving plan. Traditionally, the choirs of angels have been divided into various ranks, including archangels, cherubim, seraphim, thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers (see Col 1:16).

Chalice: From the Latin word "calix" meaning "cup" (see Ps 116:13; Mt 20:22; 1 Cor 10:16). The use of this term in the Liturgy points to the chalice's function as a particular kind of cup and indicates the uniqueness of what it contains, the very Blood of Christ.

Clemency: The loving kindness, compassion, or mercy that God shows to sinners.

Communion: Our fellowship and union with Jesus and other baptized Christians in the Church, which has its source and summit in the celebration of the Eucharist. By receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, we are united to him and one another as members of his Body.

Consecration: The dedication of a thing or person to divine service by a prayer or blessing. In the Mass, "consecration" also refers to the words spoken by the priest whereby the bread and wine are transformed into the risen Body and Blood of Jesus.

Consubstantial: The belief, articulated in the Nicene Creed, about the relationship of the Father and the Son: that "in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God" (CCC, no. 262).

Contrite: To be repentant within one's heart and mind for sins committed and to resolve not to sin again.

Covenant: A solemn agreement between human beings, between God and a human being, or between God and a people involving mutual commitments or promises. In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with the Jewish people. Jesus, through his death and Resurrection, made a new covenant with the whole of humanity. One enters into this new covenant through faith and Baptism.

Damnation: Eternal separation from God's love caused by dying in mortal sin without repentance.

Godhead: The mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Homage: The honor, respect, and reverence due to another. Homage is especially due to God, for he is eternal, all good, all holy, and all loving.

Implore: To plead, beseech, or ask with humility. This is an example of the self-deprecatory language in the *Roman Missal* that helps to express our dependence on God. We humbly beg the Father to hear and answer our prayers, for we ask them in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus.

Incarnation: The Son of God assumed human nature and became man by being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is true God and true man. As man, the Son of God obtained our salvation. The use of this term in the Nicene Creed indicates that Jesus' birth has a significance beyond that of any other human birth.

Ineffable: That which cannot be conceived or expressed fully (see 1 Cor 2:6-9). One cannot, for example, adequately describe in concepts and words the mystery of the Trinity or the mystery of the Incarnation.

Infusion: The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts and souls of believers, and so they are filled, or infused, with grace.

Intercessor: One who makes a petition on behalf of others. Our unique intercessor is Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf with the Father (see Rom 8:34). The priest at Mass acting in the person of Christ intercedes on behalf of the whole Church.

Justification: The gracious action by which God frees us from sin and makes us holy and righteous before him.

Lord, God of Hosts: From the word "sabaoth," hosts are the invisible powers that work at God's command over heaven and earth.

Mediator: One who unites or reconciles separate or opposing parties. Thus, Jesus Christ is the "one mediator between God and the human race" (1 Tm 2:5). Through his sacrificial offering he has become high priest and unique mediator who has gained for us access to the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Merit: The reward that God promises and gives to those who love him and who by his grace perform good works. One cannot earn justification or eternal life; they are the free gifts of God. Rather our merit is from God through Christ in the Holy Spirit. The Father freely justifies us in Christ through the indwelling of the Spirit; and Christians, by the same Holy Spirit, are empowered to do good works of love and justice. In cooperating with the Holy Spirit, the faithful receive further grace and thus, in Christ, cooperate in the work of their salvation.

Oblation: A gift or sacrifice offered to God.

Only-Begotten Son: This title "signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf. Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (cf. Jn 1:1)" (CCC, no. 454). Jesus is the Son of God not by adoption but by nature.

Paschal: Referring to Christ's work of redemption accomplished through his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus destroyed our death and restored us to life. The Paschal Mystery is celebrated and made present in the Liturgy so that we can obtain the fruit of Jesus' death and Resurrection, that is, the forgiveness of our sins and the new life of the Holy Spirit.

Patriarchs: Title given to the venerable ancestors or "fathers" of the Semitic peoples, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who received God's promise of election.

Precursor: One who comes before as a herald. John the Baptist is the precursor of Jesus.

Provident grace: The free and undeserved gift that God gives us as he protects and governs all creation.

Redemption: Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer because he frees us from our sin through his sacrificial death on the Cross.

Temporal: What pertains to this world of time and history, as opposed to what pertains to God, such as our new life in Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Venerate: To show devotion and respect to holy things and people. Catholics venerate relics and saints. Veneration must be clearly distinguished from adoration and worship, both of which pertain solely to the Trinity and Jesus as the Son of God.

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